Increase in population

†515. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the effective measures taken by Government to check the steep increase in population of the country;

(b) whether Government propose to implement the strong measures which are being adopted by the vast country like China;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the target laid down by Government to bring about stability in the continuous increase of population in the country and success achieved in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The following measures are being taken by Government to check the steep increase in population of the country:

Consequent to the adoption of the National Population Policy in February 2000, a National Commission on Population and a Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh have been set up. An Empowered Action Group has been constituted for focussed attention on the eight demographically weaker states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Chhatisgarh.

Reproductive and Child Health Programme, launched during IXth Five Year Plan focuses on the Maternal and Child Health initiatives alongwith contraception issues. Major interventions are being implemented to provide Essential Obstetric Care to all services of private anesthetists 24 Hour Delivery Services at selected FRUs, provision of referral transport for assisting women from indigent families in selected subcentres in identified states, provision of safe abortion services, training of Dais and RCH Camps for providing services to people living in remote areas. The child health interventions include support for polio eradication, routine immunization, pilots on Hepatitis-B, operationalisation of district new born care.

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Involvement of NGOs, PRIs, Corporate and Private Sector is being encouraged. New contraceptives have been adopted in the Family Welfare Programme. IEC has been decentralized to state levels.

(b) and (c) The National Population Policy, 2000 affirms the commitment of government towards voluntary and informed choice of family planning methods, best suited to individual acceptors, while availing of reproductive health services and continuation of target free approach in administering family welfare services. Past experience shows that it is not feasible to sustain coercive measures. Further, success of family welfare program in Kerala, Goa and Tamil Nadu shows that coercion and disincentives are not required for achieving population stabilisation in the country.

(d) The National Population Policy, 2000 aims to achieve replacement level of fertility by 2010 and a stable population by 2045.

Polio cases

†516. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding children getting afflicted with polio despite being given polio drops;

(b) if so, whether Government have got these complaints examined by specialist; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Some cases of children getting afflicted with Polio despite being given polio drops have come to the notice of the government. These cases have been investigated.

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